

ORANGE AT WALAWBUM

SCENARIO ASL TAC26 Translated by Coastal Fortress Gaming Group



VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Japanese win if they control hex 37oX7 and 4 Level 2 hexes of Hill 526 (Board 36) at the end of any game turn.

WALAWBUM, NORTH BURMA, March 6 1944:

For their first mission in the Burmese jungle, Merrill's Marauders had to out-flank the 18th Japanese Division to prevent it from escaping the attack of Stilwell's two Chinese divisions in the Hukawng Valley. After a 10 day march in the hills, the Marauders placed several roadblocks on the road to the south and came immediately under attack by determined Japanese forces. In position on the heights since the 3rd of March, Orange Combat Team used its heavy weapons to interdict the route through the village of Walawbum. American observers hidden in the trees directed mortar fire which bracketed any Japanese trucks attempting to move southwards. Several Japanese assaults were repulsed with few losses, despite a continual bombardment by enemy infantry guns. At the end of the day on the 6th of March, one last massive Japanese attack was attempted.

BOARD PLACEMENT:

BALANCE:

☆ Add one 6-6-7 squad

● Add one turn

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37	2
36	1 G4 G5

☆ AMERICAN setups first	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	END
● JAPANESE moves first								

Elements of Orange Combat Team, 5307th Composite Unit "Galahad"[ELR: 5]
setup east of all stream hexes {SAN: 4}:



6-6-7	9-2	9-1	8-0	6-12	4-10	60*(3-45)	?
10				2	2	5	



81*	2-2-7
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10	?
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Elements of the 56th Infantry Regiment, 18th Infantry Division "Chrysanthemum"[ELR: 4]
setup on/west of hexrow P{SAN: 4}:



4-4-8	4-4-7	2-2-8	10-1	9-1	9-0	6-14	4-11	2-8	50*(1-18)*
6	10	2			2			4	3



75*	2-2-8
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Scenario Design: Théophile Monnier '92

SSR:

- EC are Moist, with no wind at start. PTOTerrain rules and Light Jungle are in effect.
- The streams are shallow. Kindling is NA.
- Place the following overlays: 1 on 36D2-D1, 2 on 37DD8-DD9, G4 on 36P6-O7, G5 on 36R5-S5. The paths on overlays G4 and G5 exist.
- American units are Stealthy. Although their ELR is 5, their morale is not underlined. All American units may setup in Foxholes of the appropriate capacity in allowed terrain.

AFTERMATH: Two Japanese companies emerged from the edge of the jungle to mount an attack. Behind them, mortars and several 75mm guns shelled American positions. In the shelter of their foxholes, the Marauders held their fire until the first Japanese soldiers were less than 100 meters away. With difficulty, the Japanese soldiers crossed the river under a deluge of fire. The American mortars and every automatic weapon which could be brought to bear easily broke the enemy charge. Two heavy machineguns, which had an excellent field of fire overlooking the river, created carnage. A few Japanese groups reached the first foxholes but were quickly wiped out. Another Japanese attack with the aim of dislodging the Marauders from the route of retreat had failed with heavy losses. After three days of combat, Orange CT recorded 400 Japanese dead in front of their lines. The 18th Division nevertheless succeeded in escaping over a prepared secret trail to the west.